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1. In the middle of October 1948, a small Soviet ship unloaded at Agia Sorenta unidentified supplies for the Albanian Army.
2. On 20 October 1948 another Soviet steamship unloaded 25,000 quintals of wheat and a cargo of agricultural equipment.
3. During the period 20 to 30 October, two Soviet steamships unloaded at Agia Sorenta thirty-five military vehicles and other military material which was transferred to warehouses in Tirana. One of these vessels, unidentified, carried material to be used in the completion of the Durres-Tirana railroad line.
4. Two Albanian refugees, until recently forced laborers in Sassona (sic - probably the island of Saseña), report units of coastal artillery and anti-aircraft in the area but cannot further identify them. A third person, however, reports the coastal artillery to be captured Italian pieces and the anti-aircraft to be the latest of Soviet weapons to be allotted to Albania. The latter reportedly have a rapid rate of fire.

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